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80th ASG COMMANDER

COL Timothy J. Quinn

"Sharpen the Sword"

It has been a great month for esprit de corps with the US Army NATO's SHAPE Battalion Dining Out and its tribute to the NCO Corps and the Air Force Awards Banquet where the best of the AF best were honored. The topper was having such great participation at the Quarterly American Community Run - thanks to HHC, Steel Guard, 309th Airlift Squadron, 39th Signal, Northern Law Center, Benelux Finance Office, US Army NATO SHAPE Battalion, and the Vet Clinic for coming together for a great BRISK run and morale booster. On 8 March we'll be saying goodbye to our Minnesota and Iowa friends, Task Force Steel Guard. They served superbly over the past six months, away from their families, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. We are honored to welcome a new Task Force from Ohio this month.

Thanks to all who participated in the Army Family Action Plan - your voice has been heard, and you will hear more about the community response to your issues and recommendations in the upcoming months. Please consider supporting this community this month as there will be fundraisers for the Relief Agencies for all of the services. Last year alone over \$16,000 was raised here for Army Emergency Relief.

Two safety notes: First, <u>slow down</u> in the work zone in Jurbise and keep your speed to 30km per hour! We are receiving many tickets issued on Rue d'Ath in that construction zone. Second, avoid downtown Brussels on 20 March, particularly in the vicinity of the Gare Nord (North Station). There will be a very large protest with potentially over 15,000 people attending.

This year we are pleased to be able to once again host the annual Aviator's March on Chievres Air Base on May 1st. It will be a big event, with marchers coming from far and wide for 3 different length walks, food and drink, entertainment. Please plan on joining us! Please take advantage of the shopping at the Scholarship Bazaar on the 27th and 28th of March – you'll be helping send our seniors to college!

Thanks to all of you; US and Belgian, Soldier and Family Member!

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FAMILY READINESS GROUP

© Family Day: The plans have been finalized for our trip to Namur on Saturday, March 20^h . (Please note this is a changed date from what we publicized last month!) This trip costs 25 Euros per person, but the FRG is off-setting that cost by 10 Euros, so it will only cost 15 Euros per person, (for 80^{th} ASG FRG members). We'll have a guided tour of the castle in Namur, a 3-course lunch, a tour in the Citadel of a perfume factory with an opportunity to purchase perfumes, and a guided tour of the local brewery and opportunity to taste as well. HHC is providing our bus transportation, so the first 45 people to pay will go. Non- 80^{th} ASG folks who are interested can go on a space-available basis. Deadline for paid reservations is the 10^h of March.

- © FRG Meeting: We are going to try to reach more people by varying the days we meet. We'll still meet once a month, but on odd-numbered months it will be the first Tuesday, and on even-numbered months, the first Wednesday. If you haven't been able to join us because you are busy on Wednesday nights, come out on Tuesday, March 2nd, at 1830, Bldg 18 (HHC) on Daumerie Caserne, for a fun, informative social and meeting. Hope to see you there!
- © Troc Trot: We had another trip to some of the Troc stores in Belgium on the 28th of Feb. This is turning out to be a fun way to meet other people, explore a little of the close-by country, and find treasures at the same time. In order to find out about our next outing, you need come to the next FRG meeting!
- © Fundraiser: On May 1st is the Annual Aviator's March at Chievres Air Base (more info on this in the PAO section). But we are hoping to hold a bake sale in conjunction with HHC selling burgers and dogs. If you aren't busy, please plan on joining us that day the money will be used to offset costs of our Family Day trips and group activities.

APO 423-4077

AAFES is giving out mili-pac priority mailing envelopes which USPS has given out. Be advised that these envelopes require a priority rate of postage no matter where they are being mailed. They cannot be mailed MPS. USPS has denied our request to use these envelopes for MPS.

BOSS 361-5301

Ski Trip to Garmisch, Germany Mar. 5-8; Single Soldiers \$285 Others \$290; Double Occupancy only. Price includes transportation and accommodation. Call DSN 423-3834 or DSN 366-6272 for more information.

CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

423-5693

An International Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service will be held at the SHAPE Chapel on Friday, 5 March 2004, from 1230-1330, with refreshments to follow. The Christian Women's Movement of Panama has written the service and invites everyone around the world to worship together, reflecting the cosmopolitan nature of their lives and country. The chosen theme is "In Faith, Women Shape the Future". Call SHAPE Chapel for more information.

SHAPE Chapel Sunday Services Secretary 423-5601

SHAPE Catholic Parish (0900)
SHAPE Christian Worship Service (1130)
Church of Christ (1300)

SHAPE Anglican/Episcopal Congregation Chaplain's Assistant 423-5693

We welcome our new chaplain, on 22 March 2004.

SHAPE PWOC: (Thursdays, 0930) **SHAPE CWOC:** (Various days)

5 Mar, 1130, 1st Fri Rosary, Mass & Fellowship SHAPE PMOC: Tuesdays, 0700, US Dining Facility

Daumerie Protestant Congregation 361-5888

0930 Sunday School, 1045 Worship

Daumerie PWOC: (Wednesdays, 1830)

Daumerie PMOC: (Wednesdays, 1900) 361-5888 **Family Life Center** 423-5653

♥ 5-6 March- "Marriage Retreat 'FOREVER FRIENDS!" - stand-by space available. These retreats are held quarterly, so call the Family Life Center to get on the next one.

CHAPEL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth of the Chapel

423-5653

- Meets every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. for G.A.P. (6-8th grades) and 6:45 for U-Turn (9-12th grades) Both groups have dinner together at 6:15.
- Youth Concert by Dan Myers, a former Marine who has a popular new CD called "Break the Silence" will be giving a concert and devotional talk to kids on 3 March at 1800 at West Chapel open to all youth in the SHAPE/Chievres Community. For more information please call 5601 and check out Dan's message, pictures and music at his website: www.pilgrimroad.org.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Health

I recently read a short article concerning the subject of health and I thought I would share it. The article said this: We all accept at face value a lot of myths about our health. Take milk for instance, it contains protein which is good for you, unless you have an ulcer, then it actually aggravates an ulcer rather than soothes it. No evidence exists to prove that exposure to cold weather will bring on a cold. Or, reading in poor light may give you a headache, but it will harm your eyes? We also all accept a lot of myths about our spiritual health as well, particularly the myths of religious activities and good deeds. We may be involved in many religious activities or go about doing a lot of really great things for our neighbor, but to what end? What is my motivation behind these activities or good deeds? We need to remember that God's Word says in Psalm 111:10, "But the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" and of good spiritual health. Question, what do you want out of your life? Physically? Spiritually? You may have heard it said: "You are what you eat." How about, you are what you read - spiritually. Something to think about. Here's to your health.

Blessings,

CPAC

NAF JOBS ALL NAF Job announcements are accessible by visiting the CHRMA Home
Page at www.chrma.hqusareur.army.mil. From the CHRMA Home Page, click on
Employment, then on NAF (U.S. Non-Appropriated Fund Program), Search by Location,
Benelux. All applications may be downloaded from the web site and emailed at address
mentioned in the job announcement. Pass the word around to potential applicants!!

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

361-5246

- CONNECTION MAGAZINE Pick up your copy today from various locations in the
 community to include the PX and PXtra. This magazine is a free guide to MWR services,
 sports, entertainment and travel in Europe, including the BENELUX!! Also available online
 at www.ArmyGermany.com
- MWR FLEA MARKET Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Community Activity Center, Chievres Air Base, DSN 361-5506. There is a \$10 per table/2 chair fee and it is on a first come first serve basis -- participants keep all profits. The CAC will open from 0800-1000 for vendors to set up and then the actual flea market will go from 1000-1400. Sale items may only be 2nd hand and the market is not open to commercial activities. The Chievres Library and Fitness Center will be open from 1000-1700 as well. For more info, contact ChievresActivityCenter@benelux.army.mil

Chievres Library

361-5767

- New hours. The library is now also open on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Join us for Story Time, every Thursday at 1630. Each week we also make a craft project. This is becoming quite a popular activity come check it out!

Prime Time Lounge

361-5540

- PTL Country Night. March 13. Come enjoy country music and if you're interested, participate in free dance lessons to boot.
- Saint Patrick's Day Party, March 17th. Bar opens at 5pm, snacks and fun!
- PTL Karaoke Nights. March 18, 8 p.m.
 With 10,000 songs to choose from, you can sing the night away!
- Remember, the PTL is open every week day for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Come in and have some great food in a cozy pub atmosphere.

Army Community Service (ACS)

423-5777

Army Family Action Plan

423-5425

Thanks to all who participated in the 2004 Family Action Plan. The Steering Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks and a report will be made to the community on the issues, the recommendations, and the status of each.

Relocation Assistance Program

423-4332

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• NEWCOMER'S BRIEF. Learn all about the Benelux area on March 11 at 8:30 a.m. at the WEB office in the Hotel Maisieres.

- SPONSORSHIP TRAINING. Be the best sponsor that you can be by attending this class and learning all the basics. March 3 at 10 a.m.
- MAKE THE RIGHT MOVE. Are you prepared for your next PCS move? Attend this class on March 3 at 2 p.m. and make this your best PCS move ever.
- TAKE THE BUS. On March 11 at 1:30 p.m. meet at the Hotel Maisieres for an introduction to the Belgium Bus system. Sign up at ACS, Bldg 318 and head out to Mons.
- CULTURAL ADAPTATION TRIP. On March 13, go shopping with ACS to a clothes warehouse in Brussels. Great discounts-- up to 90% off!!! Cash only. Bus leaves ACS at 9 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Three floors of bargains on new, good quality clothes.
- TAKE THE TRAIN. On Friday, March 26, learn how to utilize the train system. Children are welcome. The cost is €18.50 for adults and cost for children 6-12 is €9. Children under 6 are free. The bus leaves from Bldg. 318 at 8:30 a.m. and will take you to the train station. Sign up early at ACS and learn first hand how to get around in Europe without a car.

Installation Volunteer Coordinator

423-4270

Get your volunteer recognition packets in, as the annual Volunteer of the Year ceremony and dinner is coming up in April.

New Parent Support Program

423-4274

- <u>PLAYMORNING</u> Two hours of parent/child fun for children up to the age of 4. Mar 9th and 23rd from 9-11 a.m. Come on over to SHAPE EDIS Playroom.
- PARENTS IMPROVE YOUR PARENTING SKILLS with ACTIVE PARENTING NOW 20, 21, and 22 April, 6:45-815pm.

Family Advocacy Program

- There are classes taught monthly on <u>Anger Management</u>, and a new class called "<u>Women</u> Talk". Call ACS at 423-4352 for more info and class dates and times.
- The SHAPE/Chievres ACS FAP is sponsoring <u>Children's Wellness Fair</u> to recognize the Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention. The fair will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2004 from 10-2 at the CAC on Chievres. The Fair will include face painting, a visit from the Sparky the Fire Mascot and Chievres Fire Dept, EDIS, Dentacto focus on oral hygiene, New Parent Support Program, Chievres Library, Children & Youth Services, WIC, and more. Come out to visit the booths and receive some free items as well. The event is open to all US ID cardholders. If your organization would like to be represented, please call ACS at 423-4274 or 5263 no later than 22 March 04.

Exceptional Family Member Program

423-7461

EFMP Bowl - for families enrolled in the EFMP Program, at the Pizza Bowl, March 27^{th} , from 1400-1700.

Financial Readiness & AER Program

423-4824

- ACS COUPON CHALLENGE
 - Enter to win great prizes when you use coupons at the CHIEVRES Commissary. The challenge ends 31 Mar get your entry form now!
- The **Food Locker** is teaming up with Grandma's Attic Get 25 cents off any TSP item(s) with the donation of a non-perishable item to the 80th ASG ACS Food Locker. Just bring your donation into Grandma's Attic to receive 25 cents off!
- New Course offered: BALANCED DIET ON A BALANCED BUDGET March 25, 10 a.m. at Community Activity Center, Chievres; A Commissary Tour immediately following the class. Bus departs ACS at 9:30 a.m.
- New Evening Course Offered: INVESTING FOR YOUR FUTURE

 March 23, 7 p.m. Discuss the importance of emergency savings, TSP, how to find the right mutual funds, Individual Retirement Accounts, Portfolio allocation ideas, etc.
- Here are the Financial Readiness classes offered in February at Bldg 318, SHAPE:

Date	Start Time	End Time	Class Title
2 Mar	1000	1200	Personal Financial Readiness
9 Mar	1000	1200	Building a Spending Plan
10 Mar	1000	1200	Insurance: Which one?
11 Mar	1000	1200	Credit: Too Much of a Good Thing?
12 Mar	1000	1200	Checkbook Management: More Month than Money?
16 Mar	1000	1200	Savings and Investments: Where to Stash My Cash?
17 Mar	1000	1200	Debt Reduction the Easy Way,
18 Mar	1000	1200	Consumer Rights and Obligations
23 Mar	1900		Investing for your future

GRANDMA'S ATTIC

361-5219

- Grandma's Attic is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 12-4.
- Consignments Thursdays and 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9-12. No more winter clothes will be taken after March 1st. Spring and summer clothing can be taken after April 1st.
- Over \$25,000 have been given back to the SHAPE/Chievres community since opening in January 2002. Thanks for your business!!

SNAP Coordinator

361-6143

- SNAP Safety Tip of the Month: Identity theft/fraud are terms used to refer to all types of crime in which someone wrongfully obtains and uses another person's personal data in some way that involves fraud or deception, typically for economic gain. While it is extremely difficult to prevent identity theft, the best approach is to be proactive and take steps to avoid being a victim.
- Call the SNAP Hotline Today!!! 068-27-6300 Are you interested in helping your community stay safe? Become the PMO's eyes and ears by reporting suspicious activity to

the SNAP Hotline. This hotline is a new initiative by SNAP that allows you to remain anonymous while you report suspicious activities or your concerns about safety to our automated system. A Safe Neighborhood starts with Safe Soldiers, Safe Adults and Safe Kids! Help SNAP in our quest to combat crime and terrorism in our communities. This hotline is only for non-emergency issues, if you have an emergency please contact the Chievres MP Emergency line at 068-27-5114.

MORALE, WELFARE BRANCH

423-4269

- ARTS AND CRAFTS Annual Open House -- Saturday, March 6, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. SHAPE Arts and Crafts Center, Bldg. 209, SHAPE, DSN 423-4680/5841; Come and enjoy a day of demonstrations and exhibits by our talented and knowledgeable instructors. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Children are invited to enjoy bisque painting. Sign up for upcoming classes
- The SHAPE Language Centre is looking for certified English teachers. If you are interested in teaching English for the SHAPE Language Centre, please contact DSN 423-3772 or 065 44 3772.
- Shape Sports Store has clothing with the old SHAPE/Nato logo on it for reduced prices. New logo is pending approval and items with that should be available soon.
- NATO Accession Ceremony is scheduled for 2 April, and will be open to all SHAPE.
- The Pool at the Main Gym is scheduled to re-open by 1 April.

L.A.B. (Learning About Belgium)

423-4269

The next "Learning About Belgium" (L.A.B.) Program will take place on 26, 27, & 29 April (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday) from 0900-1300 each day at the International Community (IC) Club. Reservations on Shape ext.4269 (or on a civilian phone: 065.44.4269).

Entertainment Center

423-3312

The Glass Menagerie

March 4 1930

March 5 1930 March 6 1930

March 7 1500

Tickets on Sale after NOW

BOX OFFICE OPEN 1400-1730 Mon-Fri

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

19th March 1930

20th March 1400,1930

21st March 1500

24th March 1930 Judging

26th March 1930

27th March 1930

28th March 1500

Look for tickets after 10 March

Education Center (S-3)

423-3466/6367

- The SHAPE Education Center (Bldg. 212) recently extended its hours for the Center's Computer Lab (Bldg. 212, Rm. 108). The Computer Lab is now open from 0800 Hrs to 2000 Hrs on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to better serve the SHAPE/Chievres Communities. The SHAPE Education Center's Computer Lab is open to all SHAPE ID card holders that are 18 years and older.
- French Headstart Classes: March 8-19, 0830-1130; HEADSTART is a 30 hour introduction to the French language and Belgian culture. Instructors are native-speakers of the language being taught. The course is mandatory for all USAREUR soldiers E1 to O5. Other active duty military and adult family members may attend on a space available basis. If there is still space available, then the openings may be filled by any member of the NATO/SHAPE Community. There is no fee and a textbook is provided.
- The Education Center's Testing Section is currently taking orders for various nationally administered tests. Interested individuals should contact our Testing Section at DSN 423.5501 or CML 065/44 55 01 before the "ORDER BY DATE" indicated below:

Automotive Service Excellence
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 Excelsior
 Jun 04

- The SHAPE Education Center is hosting an "Open House" on Wednesday, 3 March 2004 from 11:00 to 14:00 hours in Building 212. The Education Center will showcase its programs to the SHAPE/Chievres Community. Representatives from the US Army and Air Force Continuing Education, University of Maryland, Central Texas College, University of Oklahoma, and University of Phoenix will be available to talk about their programs. In addition, our Testing and Army Learning Center experts will be available to discuss their programs. You can also find out about In-service Education Benefits, Veterans Benefits, and how to finance your college education. Food and refreshments will be provided as well as special drawings for prizes.
- The Education Center's University of Maryland University College (UMUC) in cooperation with Bowie State University (BSU) is hosting a "Meet the Expert" session on Monday, 8 March 2004 for individuals interested in graduate programs. Representatives from the various University of Maryland Graduate Programs will be present to answer any questions about their programs. Please stop by the SHAPE Education Center, Building 212, Room 119 or contact the UMUC Field Representatives at DSN 423.5173 or CML 065/44 51 73 to make an appointment.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER

361-5882

- Scholarship Bazaar is March 27th and 28th in the SHAPE International School Cafeteria and the School Gym very nearby. Many new vendors and your old favorites will be there to fulfill your shopping needs and desires. Shopping hours on Saturday are 0900 to 1800 and on Sunday from 1000 to 1600. Thank you for helping us give away some significant scholarship money to members of the SAHS Class of 2004. POC at 065 56 94 23.
- If you are sponsoring an incoming family, pick up registration packets at the schools and send them to the newcomers. Much of the paperwork can be done in advance. If they aren't coming in until late summer, contact the school so they know of the newcomers' arrival.
- Upcoming Dates to remember:
 - o 1 March: Spring Bazaar Planning Meeting, 17:00, Community Library
 - March 15-19 Terra Nova Testing at both schools (3-6th & 7-11th)
 - o 16 March, 1800: PTSA meeting at the School cafeteria
 - o 25 March end of 3rd quarter marking period
 - o 26 March No School for Elem and High Schools
 - o 27 & 28 March Scholarship Bazaar
 - o 29 March 4th quarter begins

Elementary School:

423-5718

- The SHAPE American Elementary <u>School Advisory Committee</u> (S.A.C.) will hold its next meeting on March 4th at 16:00 in the school library. All parents are welcomed to come. For more information please contact 065-62-2548.
- March 9th: Class Pictures will be taken
- No School on 31 March for invitational parent-teacher conferences!!

SHAPE American High School: 423-5715

- The Senior Class sponsors its own fun night on Friday March 12th. "Mr. Shape" is a beauty contest parody and lasagna dinner. You've never seen contestants like this! Enjoy a homemade dinner and laugh it up. The School Cafeteria will host this event beginning at 1800. Admission is \$4 for adults, and \$2 for students.
- <u>WINTER FORMAL 2004</u>: Guy and girls of SAHS, the Junior class proudly present this year's winter formal, "Mardi Gras." The date is March 6th at the IC Club Ballroom. The time is 8:00 p.m. 1:00 a.m. Our colors are purple, gold and green. The tickets will be on sale the week following the pre-Lenten break. The cost will be 12€ per person or 20€ per couple, or \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. If you have questions please see any Junior Class Officer.
- Students in grades 7 through 11 will take part in the annual <u>Terra Nova</u> testing program on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday March 16-18, 2004. All tests will take place during the morning hours and we will send a schedule of testing times to you when we return from Pre-Lenten Break.
- Shakespeare and Dinner: Come see the Bard's *Midsummer Night's Dream*, March 9-11 and have dinner at the IC Club. Tickets available at school.

SHAPE American High School's Scholarship Committee is a non-profit organization that raises funds throughout the school year in order to distribute monetary awards to deserving senior students. The committee also administers scholarship funds donated from other organizations and businesses. In 2003 we raised and awarded \$30,000. Any questions regarding the application procedure may be directed to: 2004 Applications and Awards Chairperson, (065) 62 25 48;

Important Scholarship dates:

- March 9, 2004 Deadline to sign up with the Guidance office for the essay writing
- o March 16, 2004 12:00 4:00 turn in completed applications
- March 17, 2004 9:00am-12:00pm Essay writing session at SHAPE High School
- o March 26, 2004 1:00 pm 7:00 pm Set up for Bazaar
- o March 27-28, 2004 Spring Bazaar, International Cafeteria/Gym
- o Early June (date to be announced) Senior Awards Day / Awardees notified

SHAPE Seals Swim Team

SHAPE SEALS dominate at the European Forces Swim League Championships! On 15 February 2004, a squad of the SHAPE Seals International Swim Team competed in the European Forces Swim League Championships held in the Olympic Park in Munich, Germany. This event was the culmination of hard work throughout the 7-month season, and the Seals showed their pride, teamwork, spirit, skill, and speed at the Finals. While all of the 92 children who work out, train, practice, and compete; only 54 got to go to the Champs Meet. However, the entire team was there in spirit! The SHAPE Seals competed against 17 other teams from all over Europe. They won the most medals overall, and were only one gold medal short of total dominance in the meet. They came home with a second place win, but know in their hearts that they swam better overall than all the other teams present. What an excellent ending to a successful season! Congratulations to all of the Seals. For complete coverage and up-to-the-minute news, check out our website at www.shape-seals.com.

NORTHERN LAW CENTER

423-4906

FREE TAX SERVICE: The Northern Law Center's (NLC) Tax Assistance Office will be providing free tax services to all service members, their dependents, DOD civilians and retirees. Taxpayers will once again be able to file their federal tax returns electronically. Taxpayers can also receive assistance filing their state tax returns prepared at the Tax Assistance Office. Our main location is in Building 318, Room 221, on SHAPE. Walk-ins and appointments are available Monday thru Friday from 09:00 to 17:00. Appointments are required for taxpayers with the following: rental property; sale of stock/mutual funds; itemized deductions; foreign earned income; or other complicated matters. For tax appointments at SHAPE please call DSN 423-4906 or CIV 065-44-4906.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

423-4008

- The following classes will be held in March:
 - o CPR/FA CLASSES:

Mar 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} (Tues/Wed) - 1730-2130 or Mar 20^{th} (Sat) - 0830-1800

o BABYSITTER'S TRAINING:

Mar 13th (Sat) - 0900-1700 or Mar 23-25th (Tues - Thurs) 1600-1800

- Crystal Bingo coming again April 29th at the IC Club
- Auction coming in May we are looking for donations of "gently used" furniture, antiques, themed baskets, services, or anything you'd like to donate to raise money for our disaster relief fund which has been greatly depleted. This will be a fun, community event, with food, activities for children, and special guest auctioneers! Join us!
- The Belgian Red Cross will be holding a **blood drive** at the CAC (Hangar #4) on Chievres Air Base, on 22 March, from 0900-1100.
- The Youth Volunteers at the Red Cross have been busy sending school supplies to Iraqi schoolchildren, and painting signs for Chievres Air Base's Christmas Decorations. We now have fun T-shirts on sale for \$12.00 each. If you have a child in Junior or Senior High School who would like to become a Red Cross Volunteer, please call for the next Orientation class, and we'll get them started!
- The Emergency Services Coordinator is offering 2 programs: Together We Prepare a 2 hour class on emergency preparedness, and Get to Know Us Before You Need Us, a program designed for military organizations to introduce them to Red Cross services.

COMMISSARY 361-5044

- Need feedback from the community on how we're doing. Pick up a customer comment card from the front of the store, fill it out, and drop it in the box. We have a new Produce Manager and Distributor, and the Deli is now under Deca Control. Let us know what you think!
- Cake Decorating service is going to be enhanced if you want a special logo or picture on the icing, just provide a photograph.
- In April we should have over 25 Atkins-style products for those on low carb diets. We are hoping the meat prices should come back down in April as well.

SHAPE HEALTHCARE FACILITY 423-5841

- The <u>Health Services Orientation</u> will be held every third Thursday of the month from 10-12 until further notice. The workshop will be followed by a tour of Ambroise Pare hospital in the afternoon where participants will have a chance to see where the hospital is and how it works before they need it in a crisis situation.
- <u>Transitions</u>: There will be a 4-month underlap in Optometry services beginning in May. You may need to go to Landstuhl or on the economy if you need this service during this time. There will be 3 major transitions this year, but all positions have been filled and no underlap is expected. Pediatric Nurse Practitioner is inbound.

AAFES

The video drop box at SHAPE is <u>not</u> going away. However, late fees will be enforced
when a movie is returned late to the PX-tra. Also, please ensure that the movies put in
that box are actually PX-tra movies and not library or Rendezvous movies. Thanks for
your help in keeping this service.

- AFAP voted the PX as #1 in most valuable community services. Thanks for the vote of confidence we're doing our best to keep your PX meeting your needs.
- We have received approval to replace American Eatery with a Seattle's Best Coffee shop. You will be able to purchase coffees and pastries from both the food court, and from a bistro-style area in the Book Mark.
- Subway is under construction in the PX-tra, and hopes to open by 1 May.

CHIEVRES VETERINARY CLINIC

361-5659

The Chievres Veterinary Clinic has extended Pet Dental Month until March 31st! Schedule an appointment for your pet today by calling DSN 361-5352 or CIV 068-27-5352.

BENELUX TRAINING SUPPORT CENTER

361-5273

DA PHOTO STUDIO RELOCATES BACK TO DAUMERIE CASERNE, BUILDING 70012, ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION. As our renovation is coming to a close, and our newly renovated facility looks bright and shiny, the Photo Studio facilities will be relocated back to Building 70012, Daumerie Caserne on 6 April 2004. Because of this move, we will NOT be open for photos from 24 March 2004 to 6 April 2004, allowing us to move and to re-install lights and equipment forour Photo operations. For those Soldiers who are in need of DA Photos during this timeframe, we suggest you schedule now to take that photo prior to our return move to ensure your Personnel File is updated in time. The hours of operation remain 0800-1200 and 1300-1700, Monday - Friday. On Thursdays, the Photo Studio/Training Support Center conducts In-House Training from 0800-1200 hours. The doors do not close during our training sessions and we remain open for normal business. Customers can call to make their future appointments anytime. Our DSN numbers to make Photo appointments remains 361-5209 or 361-5273. We apologize for any inconvenience that this change might cause our customers.

Travel Opportunities

SHAPE Trips and Tours	423-3884		
Thermae 2000, Valkenburg	6 March		
Paris	13 March		
Irish Pub Crawl, Brussels	19 March		
Pottery & Crystal Shopping	23 March		
Brugge and Ghent	27 March		
Russia	3 April - 9 April		
Spring Break in Spain	10-18 April		
Euro Season Passes provide entry to all Six			
Flags parks in Europe - on sale now for 45 Euros.			

Aqualibi day passes are available for only 10 Euros til the end of March.

Outdoor Recreation	423-5380
Snowshoe Trek in Vercors, France	6-10 March
Indoor Ice Skating - France	13 March
Family Hiking Trip - Monschau	14 March
Horse Back Riding in Chaleux	20 March
Horse Back Riding in Cuesmes (Mons)	21 March
Deep Sea Fishing	27 March
Caving in Belgium (near Namur)	28 March

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)

• We will be farewelling our Chief of Housing, as she departs for a position on the IMA-E staff in Heidelberg next month.

• In the upcoming months, you will see a lot of digging activity on Caserne Daumerie and Chievres Air Base as we install various force protection and communication features. Those features include Closed Circuit TV cameras, perimeter lighting, and fiber optic cabling. Please be patient as traffic patterns may change from day to day when the trenching intersects key roads.

BENELUX FINANCE OFFICE (BFO)

423-4098

- <u>PCS Euro/Pound Conversion</u> All service members and civilians are entitled to reconversion of foreign currency to dollars 10 days before PCS or separation. This service is only authorized once, as the finance office does not charge bank rates for the exchange. We ask that you schedule a day in advance for large coin reconversions, so we can best keep our line under control. Call DSN 361-4687/5302 for a coin turn-in appointment.
- <u>Deployment Entitlements</u> A reminder to all service members returning from hostile fire areas please ensure that all deployment entitlements stop. Feel free to stop by our customer service office Monday thru Wednesday or Friday between 0900 and 1700 and do a one-on-one screen.
- <u>W-2s</u> are available on My Pay and now available at the Finance Office during normal office hours.

ANDREWS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

361-5918

- Andews Federal Credit Union announces 3 employment opportunities. To apply, or for more information stop by your local Cheivres Branch or call us at DSN 361-5809 or Civ 068-65-6680.
 - Full time Teller position requires one year teller experience OR one year cash handling experience AND one year general office experience.
 - Full Time Member Service Representative position requires at least two (2) years previous financial Institution experience in the area of loans and operations.
 - Branch Manager position requires Bachelor's Degree in Business, Finance or a related field and three to five years experience in a retail branch atmosphere.
- Andrews Federal Credit Union is proud to announce the 2004 Scholarship
 program. Apply between February 02, 2004 to March 29, 2004 for the chance to win one
 of FIVE \$1,500 Scholarships! Instructions and application can be found on our website:
 <u>www.andrewsfcu.org</u> or at your local branch. Don't miss the chance to cash in on your
 AFCU membership-apply today!
- Andrews will be sponsoring National Credit Union Youth Week April 18-24. If you're
 under 18, just deposit your savings during Youth Week and you'll be part of the National
 Youth Savings Challenge. 10 young savers from credit unions nationwide will each win \$100!

YOUTH SERVICES

423-5635

- Registration for Spring Sports is going on now, until March 12th. Make sure you have a current physical on file the date must not expire before the end of the season!

 Baseball and softball assessments will be held on 13 March, and teams will be formed after that.
- 20 March Spring Fling Dance, grades 7 & 8, 1900-2100, 4 Euros per person.
- 22 and 29 March Roller Skating Class, from 4:30-5:30. For 6-8 year olds. 10 Euro fee. Students must wear helmet and pads. Class will cover safety issues, basic instructions, hockey and other games.
- 22 and 29 March Mountain Biking Class, from 4:30-5:30. For 9-12 year olds. 10 Euro fee. Students must wear helmet and protection. Class will cover safety issues, basic instructions and rides in the nearby woods.
- 25 March Parents Night Out at the Tween Center! Come and have fun with your children. 1800-1930, dinner served for small fee per person.
- **26 March** (No School) Early Bird from 0730-1200; open rec from 1200 2000. Parents should register in advance for Early Bird to ensure adequate staffing.
- 27 March Opening Day Ceremonies for baseball and softball, at 10:00, on the SHAPE field near the library. Don't miss this little piece of Americana!
- 5-16 April Spring Break Camp Daily activities planned for camp such as a scavenger hunt on SHAPE, acting and drama workshop, 2 trips to Brussels, teamwork races, and more. Must have current registration.
- 13-16 April Spring Break Trip to Prague, Czech Republic from the 13th 16th. Open to youth in grades 6-12. Cost is 250 Euros per person; 100 Euro deposit due March 16th. Sign up now to explore Prague Castle, Lesser Town, Prague Old Town, Bohemian Goulash, and authentic crystal!

Spring in Holland

361-5557

There is no more beautiful place than Holland in the springtime. Make your plans now to enjoy the flowers in April. Here are a few gems we enjoyed:

Keukenhof Gardens http://www.keukenhof.com/

If you go to Holland in the Spring, this is an absolute must-stop. These are incredible gardens of all types, varieties and colors of tulips and other bulb flowers. We went with my mother - we got her a wheelchair for free at the front entrance and she happily wheeled around the place without getting tired. We also took our dog (on a leash). My mom said it was one of her all-time favorite experiences of her life!

Zaanse Schans http://www.zaanseschans.nl/

The 'Zaanse Schans' is a characteristic living and working area on the River Zaan, with wooden houses and windmills dating from the seventeenth and eighteenth century. The best part for us was climbing inside, and around a working windmill. Keep a strong hand on the kids! They'll really get a kick out of it. There are lots of shops, touristy and not. You can spend a whole day here.

Holiday Inn, LEIDEN; Tel: 31-71-5355555; www.holiday-inn-leiden.com (see map on page 37 of XZ's Travel Guide)

The Holiday Inn Leiden is centrally located between Amsterdam and The Hague, nearby the Dutch lakes and sunny Northsea beaches. Be sure to visit the colorful bulb fields when staying at Holiday Inn Leiden. The hotel offers a variety of leisure facilities such as 2 outdoor and 3 indoor tennis courts, 4 squash courts and a children's play area. A Standard Room (max. 2 double beds) can accommodate a maximum of 4 guests per room. Free parking to hotel guests. We went here once and it poured for 2 days - but we didn't mind as there was so much to do at the hotel!

Clara Maria's Cheese Farm (00-31-297-58-22-79) (see map on page 37 of XZ's Travel Guide) Kaasboerderij Clara Maria is a 150 year old cheese farm. Though most cheese is now made in huge factories, a tradition persists of small family farms making cheese. Clara Maria is one of these cheese farms. The farm is south of Amsterdam and is available for seeing the cheese-making process. The farm also functions as a bed-and-breakfast lodging. Kids will love the baby animals, 60+ cows, goats, sheep, dogs, chickens etc. A wonderful breakfast is served, and there are cheese-making demonstrations as well as a nice gift shop.

Vollendaam: You'll love this charming old fishing port with its wealth of little shops, bakeries and typically Dutch handicrafts. The local people still dress in traditional costumes - baggy woolen trousers for men, and for women, flowered dresses, striped pinafores and the famous winged lace cap (on Sundays and holidays).

Madurodam: http://www.madurodam.nl: Madurodam, for more than 50 years Holland's smallest city, is open all year round. The canal houses of Amsterdam, the Alkmaar cheese market and parts of the Delta Works, all replicated in minute detail on a 1:25 scale. All is set in beautiful gardens. (This is very much like Mini-Europe in Brussels)

Amsterdam: High points in Amstedam: Anne Frank's house, the diamond district, the Red Light District (don't go here with kids), the museums, a canal ride, bicycles.

Delft: Beautiful little village, with some of the most famous "pottery" in the world. Visit the showroom (incredible prices) and admire the craftsmanship. Then buy a knock-off for 1/10 the price!

Equal Opportunity Office

361-5281

<u>Women's History Month</u> is celebrated during the month of March. Women's History Month was enacted by Public Law 101-6 in 1987. Its purpose is to recognize the contributions of American women to the nation. A theme is established each year, and the President of the United States issues a proclamation calling on all Americans to participate in activities designed to recognize the contributions of women. Watch for announcements of Women's History Month activities in the SHAPE/Chievres Community.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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The newsletter goes out each month to all employees of the 80^{th} ASG via the global e-mail distribution, and is mailed home to family members. The deadline to submit information is the 23^{rd} of each month for the following month's issue.